



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

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Date: August 25, 2009

Ward 1 – House Fire – 900 Block of West Calle Medina

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Dispatch Time – 2125

On-Scene Time – 2129

Under Control - 2149

There were multiple calls to 911 reporting a vacant house on fire. Firefighters arrived on scene to find this vacant home completely engulfed in flames. The heat from this fire was so intense that a fire started in the roof area of the home to the east. The two people who live in that adjacent residence noticed the fire and evacuated immediately. Their smoke detector had not yet activated since there was no smoke inside their home. Over 20 firefighters extinguished the blaze in 20 minutes. No injuries occurred.

Red Cross was not needed. The involved home was vacant and the one to the east had minor damage to the roof area.

Damage Estimate - \$200,000

Cause – Under investigation

Safety Message: Have a working smoke detector and an escape plan. Had this fire occurred a few hours later, while people were sleeping, the smoke detector could have saved lives.